U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of LOUIS E. FLORIO <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE, Jamaica, N.Y.

Docket No. 97-1345; Submitted on the Record; Issued January 5, 1999

DECISION and ORDER

Before DAVID S. GERSON, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, BRADLEY T. KNOTT

The issue is whether appellant established that he sustained an injury in the performance of duty.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of appellant on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the February 6, 1997 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and therefore adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

The February 6, 1997 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. January 5, 1999

> David S. Gerson Member

Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member

Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member